

IMPORTANT MEETING

Prolonged Session of the City Council.

THE FRANCHISE GRANTED

Peninsula Railway Company Can Begin Work. Relief for Citizens on Thirty-fourth Street. That Suit Against the City.

As anticipated, the meeting of the Council last night was a prolonged and interesting one. Considerable business was transacted and the City Fathers also had the pleasure of listening to several good speeches.

As a result of the meeting, the citizens on Thirty-fourth street will get the relief they so earnestly desire from inconvenience caused by the sewer construction on that thoroughfare; the first step toward getting the street of Newport News paved was taken; the Peninsula Railway Company has a full-fledged franchise to go ahead and build its road under an ordinance, the terms of which were published in last night's columns; the condition of affairs between the Newport News and Old Point Railway and Electric Company and the city was further elucidated and presented in its several lights.

Through all the proceedings of the session the various phases of the street railway and sewer questions ran like tapers through the minds of the Council members.

Those present were President Buxton, and Councilmen Burcher, Caffee, O'Donnell, Powell, McLaughlin, Hughes, Ford, Mackey, Roane and Washington.

The Mayor sent in a written communication, which was read. The first referred to the city map, to which he said, certain objections had been made by the representative of the Old Dominion Land Company, on account of several errors, which Clerk Smith, who was present, said had been corrected.

This letter was referred to the Finance Committee.

A second letter, from the Mayor set forth that he had received from Mr. W. F. Payne, president of the Newport News and Old Point Railway and Electric Company, a letter some time before offering to take up the track on Twenty-fifth and Thirty-fourth streets, and that the Mayor had agreed to the same.

The Council then settled down to the consideration of other extensive business before it.

The report of the Sewer Committee was read. It was as follows:

AS TO THIRTY-FOURTH STREET. The residents and property owners of Thirty-fourth street have been given some relief from the present inconveniences and troubles on Thirty-fourth street by the reason of the sewer connections being broken. The Committee visited the section of Thirty-fourth street so obstructed, and after considering their case, unanimously decided that it is to be referred to the Council the putting in of temporary sewers down the sidewalks of said streets, next to the building line, as it can be done at a cost of about \$200,000.

The Committee further states that the work on Thirty-fourth street is progressing as rapidly as can be expected under the circumstances.

The Committee's suggestion regarding the Thirty-fourth street temporary sewers was adopted.

MR. POTTER OF NEW YORK. Some discussion arose as to the proposition of the City Council relative to Mr. Potter's salary, the Mayor explaining that at the August meeting the Council had advanced Mr. Potter \$500, to be deducted from the last payment to be made him. He thought now was the time to do the deducting.

Commonwealth's Attorney Newton said he thought that the Committee's recommendation could be adopted with safety.

Mr. Potter was present and was given the privilege of the floor. He said he was a lot to understand the reason for the recommendation. Was it, he asked, a covert attack on him? He could find the \$500, if necessary, elsewhere, but it was the motive of the attack that concerned him. He had been maligned, he declared, and it had been openly stated that he was in cahoot with the contractor. He wanted to say that the contractor wherever possible, and in this case, if the contractors should throw up the job, it would cost the city about twice as much to get the street repaired as it would to let the contractor finish it. He said he was simply out of the question. He did want to see the contractors coming out with a whole skin.

He referred to the resolution adopting the first section of the Committee's current report relative to putting in auxiliary sewers on Thirty-fourth street, saying it was simply a recommendation which was suggested at the last meeting of the Council, the suggestion which was unanimously tabled. It looked to him like spite work; want of confidence in him.

Mr. Potter's remarks were applauded by the Thirty-fourth street contingent and others of the spectators.

Councilman Ford said that the reason for the attack was that the City Council preferred to owe Mr. Potter something when the work was finished rather than have Mr. Potter owe the city.

Councilman Burcher said he was opposed to the recommendation because he considered the resolution advancing Mr. Potter \$500 to be deducted from the last payment a contract not to be broken.

The resolution to adopt the Committee's recommendation was lost by a vote of 9 to 3, and the original arrangement with Mr. Potter stands. Ayes: Caffee, Ford and Mackey. Nays: Burcher, Buxton, Cory, Hughes, McLaughlin, Powell, Roane and Washington.

MAKING PROGRESS

Commonwealth Rest. in the Sam Hall Case.

AL MIRE ON THE STAND

He Did Not Arrive Until Yesterday. Defense Has Its Evidence. Bar Keeper Washington Testifies.

The trial of Sam Hall at Warwick Courthouse continues to attract a great deal of attention, and large crowds of eager spectators fill the court room every day, watching the proceedings with evident interest.

The prisoner does not seem to mind the scrutiny to which he is subjected, although it is by no means friendly, so far as all outward appearances go, he seems entirely composed, considerably more so, indeed, than some of the witnesses who have nothing at all at stake.

Gratifying progress was made with the case yesterday. The State getting through with its evidence, and the partial testimony of one of the witnesses for the defense being heard.

The most important of the State's witnesses yesterday was Private Altmire, the soldier who was shot in the foot by Hall. Altmire had been delayed in reaching here, and only arrived at Warwick yesterday morning.

He said that he and his companions went into Hall's room to get a drink, but that Hall would not let them in, and that they went away. They shortly after met Hall in the road, the negro being in his buggy. Altmire declared that he knew of why he should have been fired on. He heard Hall say something like "Get away," and then he fired, the first shot striking him in the foot. He said that he was not drunk, but that he was not sober.

There appeared to be a difference of opinion as to whether two or three shots were fired by Hall, some of the witnesses testifying to two and some of the larger number, James Ellis heard only two shots. He was standing in a door not very far from the buggy. He said that he did not differ materially from that of the first witnesses put on the stand.

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Mr. Newton took the witness for cross-examination and was still engaged with him when court adjourned for the day.

The evidence of the defense will all be in by this afternoon, it is thought, and argument will probably begin Thursday, upon which day the case may be given to the jury. The attorneys met in the afternoon at the hotel, and a verdict will be obtained by Friday.

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It Appears that John Bennett Has at Least One More Name.

The man who registered at the Metropolitan Hotel as John Bennett, and became suddenly known to the general public because he was found in a room Sunday half dead from asphyxiation caused by the gas being turned on in the apartment, appears to be becoming something of a mystery. Yesterday it was stated that his name was not Bennett at all, but A. E. Applemine, this inference, it seems, being drawn from the fact that this name was upon two railroad passes which he had in his pocket.

Escaping gas was again discovered in the man's room Sunday night, and the opinion is being expressed that he is either unduly fond of gas, or else there is something the matter with the plumbing.

ANOTHER ARREST.

George Waddell Charged With Passing the Counterfeit Quarter.

George Waddell, a colored man working for the Newport News Bakery, was arrested yesterday by Chief Constable, and the Bloodfield Police Force, who charges him with being one of the men who have been passing counterfeit quarters. This makes four arrests in all. The case will come up this afternoon at 2 o'clock before United States Commissioner A. C. Garrett.

CAME OVER IN TOW.

Crack in Steam Pipe Delayed the C. & O. Steamer Louise.

When the Chesapeake & Ohio steamer Louise arrived here yesterday morning she was in tow of the tug Luckenbach, and was on her way to the west bound train waited for her, and was delayed just that much.

It seems that just before the boat left her wharf in Norfolk, a crack was discovered in her steam pipe, and it was thought advisable not to send her over under her own steam. She was, accordingly, towed. The crack was repaired here, and the boat made her other trips unassisted, and on schedule time.

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In the Police Court yesterday Justice Brown disposed of the following cases: William Dooley, charged with robbing William Mayo; continued to Saturday.

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GRESHAM-NORSWORTHY.

Morning Marriage of a Popular East End Couple.

At the home of the bride's parents, in East End, yesterday morning at 8 o'clock, Mr. Campbell Gresham, a well-known and popular young business man, was married to Miss Ella Mae Norsworthy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Norsworthy, Rev. Thomas J. Mackay, pastor of the Second Baptist Church, officiating.

The ceremony in which the ceremony was performed was tastefully decorated for the occasion. A number of intimate friends of the contracting party were present. Immediately after the ceremony, the happy couple were driven to the Chesapeake & Ohio train, and left for Richmond and other points on their bridal tour.

CHARLES-ANDREWS.

Officer Roy J. Charles, of the city Police Force, was married today at the residence of the bride's parents in Era, Va. Mr. Charles will return with his bride Thursday evening.

Mr. H. Butler, of James City county, has issued invitations for the marriage of their daughter, Miss Nettie Butler, to Mr. Charles William Baines, of this city, Wednesday, December 13, at 3:30 o'clock at their home near Toano.

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

A marriage license was issued yesterday to Arthur J. W. Baker and Mary Schmidt, both of this city.

TWO STRONG INSTITUTIONS.

Statements of the First National and Citizens and Marine Bank.

The readers of the Daily Press will find in the report of the examination of this statement will reveal the fact that this is one of the most successful, as well as one of the strongest, banking institutions in the State. The bank, which was organized in 1887, has a capital of \$100,000, and a surplus of \$100,000. Its deposits are about \$1,000,000. This month it is \$1,222,622.54. Its capital stock is the \$100,000.

The statement of the Citizens & Marine Bank is also published in another column of the Daily Press this morning. From the results given it will be seen that bank enjoys a high credit, and the amount of deposits subject to check in this bank was about \$1,000,000. This month it is \$1,222,622.54. Its capital stock is the \$100,000.

UP AGAINST IT.

Dismal Attempt to Inaugurate the Chain Gang System.

There have always been conflicting opinions as to the advisability of opening a chain gang system, and there is no denying that the first attempt to inaugurate the system under the resolution adopted by the Council at its last meeting was not a howling success.

Street Superintendent Ketton and Officer Moss did succeed, when they went at it yesterday, in mustering five into involuntary service, and the recruits were put to work on the gutters on Washington avenue, between Twenty-third and Twenty-ninth streets, spending the morning there, after which they were taken back to jail for their noon-day repast.

At 1 o'clock the officers went back to take the gang out again, but the prisoners refused to leave prison, claiming that they were not to eat, and that there was no one there to hand them over to the Street Superintendent. Consequently, no work was done on the streets yesterday afternoon. At that time, it will soon be in a deplorable condition.

AT THE HOTELS.

At the Warwick: C. C. Washburn, Baltimore; G. Hayward, Baltimore; Wm. Price, New York; L. Lutzky, Baltimore; W. H. Perkins, Reading, Pa.; Samuel Register, Richmond; Geo. C. Scales, Boston; C. Smith, New York; G. B. H. Smith, New York; R. S. Jenkins, Virginia; Polle Moore, Philadelphia; R. S. Randall, New York.

Messrs. W. J. Payne and Samuel Register, of Richmond, are at the Hotel Warwick.

At the Hotel Ivy: Chas. W. Fellows, Pittsburg; E. F. Gray, Richmond; S. T. King, Ellwood, Mich.; Harry Stokes Norfolk; John W. Jones, Montgomery, N. J.; W. D. Bastin, Richmond; Oscar Lewis, Jerry Centre, N. J.; Geo. C. Smith, Danville, Va.; Meddith Mosher, Eberlyville, Ky.

At the Metropolitan: James T. Stone, New York; Fred J. Jackson, New York; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ridgeway, Bath, Me.; W. J. Fuller, Wilmington, Del.; M. L. Lawson, Cusfield, Md.; John L. Herman, Ross, South; Mr. M. Reagan Norfolk; W. J. Johnson, Richmond; J. J. Thomason, Baltimore; A. C. Elgin, Tampa, Fla.; W. G. Stark, Pinner's Point; A. D. Sanderson, Hampton; D. T. Benjamin, Baltimore.

DELIGHTFUL EUCRE PARTY.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Hoffman, of Thirty-seventh street, gave a delightful eucree party last evening in honor of their daughter, Miss Mary, who will leave today for Philadelphia, where she will attend a course of three years in a training school for nurses. Those present were:

Misses Etta Embach, Martha Davis, Florence Jones, Agnes Embach, Margaret Evans, Margaret Stevens, Marie Muhlen, Alice McCann, Mollie Hoffman, Katie Streetmeyer, May Smith and Agnes Sanden, of Norfolk; Robine Smith and Nellie Slater, Messrs. P. H. O'Donnell, J. M. Gray, E. Elliott, J. H. Merwin, of Norfolk, and Messrs. Sam Hardy, William Embach, Harry Macauley, Sam Gorman, James Roach, James B. Flynn, Archie Clements, Felix Hoffman, John Hoffman and B. Golt.

The new tailor, cleaning, dyeing, repairing and altering. Suits made to order. Ladies' waists and skirts made to order. C. Elchhofer, 215 Lafayette avenue, cor. Thirtieth street. no23-1f

You ought to be dressed up to eat that Thanksgiving Turkey. We are showing a beautiful line of Suits, Overcoats, Hats and Furnishings. no 11-1f Woodward & Womble.

ANTI-EXPANSIONISTS

Fight Against Territorial Acquisition in Senate.

BRIEF SESSION OF HOUSE

Little Else Than Daily Routine. The Attention of the Representatives.

Action Taken on the Death of Norbury and Lovell.

(By Telegraph.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The House was in session less than half an hour today, when the deaths of Representatives Northway, of Ohio, and Love, of Mississippi, were announced and an adjournment was taken until tomorrow.

The report of the Hawaiian Commission transmitted by the President was laid before the House and referred to the committee on territories, together with a bill offered by Mr. Hitt to carry out the recommendations of the commission.

BILL OPPOSING EXPANSION.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The first note of the anti-expansionists was heard in the Senate today by Senator Vest, of Missouri, who introduced a joint resolution declaring that, under the constitution, the federal government had no authority to acquire colonial possessions, to be governed as such, but as territories, and that the acquisition of boundaries and similar purposes, may be acquired with the purchase of territory, and that the acquisition of territory for the purpose of admission into the Union, as states, Mr. Vest announced his purpose to address the Senate on the resolution at an early day.

NAVY BILL.

A brief discussion of the navigation laws was precipitated by the consideration of a bill amending those laws by the addition of a provision that foreign built vessels, wrecked in the United States, purchased by citizens, and repaired and repaired to the extent of three-fourths of their value, shall be subject to forfeiture if they engage subsequently in the coastwise trade of the United States.

The Senate, at 3:30 P. M., adjourned.

APPROPRIATION BILL.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The first of the appropriation bills covering deficiencies for war expenses, reported to the House today, carries for the War Department and military establishments, \$5,568,853; a total of \$56,280,392. This amount, however, is a re-appropriation of funds heretofore allowed, but not available after the close of the present year.

The unexpended balances of these funds is estimated at \$9,816,165, of which the War Department balance is \$1,216,361, and the balance of the balance, \$8,600,000. The balance, therefore, are considerably more than will be re-appropriated.

PRESIDENT RECOMMENDS HIM.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The President today sent to Congress the nomination of Powell Clayton, of Arkansas, to be Ambassador to Mexico. Senator McKim, of New York, who is a personal friend of Mr. Clayton, is reported to have been raised to the rank of Ambassador, Minister Clayton's promotion followed under an act of Congress.

The President also sent to the Senate a number of appointments during the recess. They include those of Secretary Hay, Assistant Secretary of State Hill, the Hawaiian Commissioner, and the Far Islands Commissioners and a number of consuls.

TO REDEEM REVENUE STAMPS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Among the bills introduced in the House today was the following:

By Mr. Okey, of Virginia: To amend the war revenue act by directing the Secretary of the Treasury to redeem at their face value all revenue stamps sold and not cancelled.

By Mr. Skinner, of North Carolina: To establish a term of the Circuit Court for Newbern and Elizabeth City, N. C.

MONUMENT TO SAILORS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Senator Hale today introduced a joint resolution authorizing the Secretary of the Navy to erect a monument in Havana, Cuba, to the memory of the sailors and marines who lost their lives in the explosion which destroyed the Maine. The bill is recommended by the Navy Department.

REVIVE GRADE OF ADMIRAL.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Senator Hale, of Maine, Chairman of the Naval Affairs Committee, introduced a bill today to revive the grade of Admiral and vice-Admiral in the navy.

CLEVELAND IN A COLLISION.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—The steam yacht "Onondaga," owned by the late owner, E. C. Benedict, and ex-President Cleveland, was in collision with a transfer float off the Battery wall in the upper bay today. The yacht, which had been towed from Old Point Comfort, had her bowsprit broken away. Messrs. Cleveland and Benedict landed at the Battery, and the yacht continued on her way up the East river.

TO INVITE ALBERT EDWARD.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 6.—At a meeting of the Grand Lodge of Virginia Masons tonight, the celebration of the Washington centennial was taken up. It occurred on December 14, 1889. It was decided to extend an invitation to be present to His Royal Highness, Albert Edward, Grand Master of Masons of England. The ceremony will be in the city of Washington, and will be under the auspices of the Grand Jurisdiction of Virginia, assisted by those of other states. President McKinley is expected to take a prominent part in the ceremonies.

ARMY REORGANIZATION.

Draft of the Bill Providing for the Augmentation Completed.

(By Telegraph.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The measure which will serve as the basis for legislation to reorganize the army, looking to the remodeling of the United States army was completed by the commanding officer of the army and was today forwarded by him to Secretary Alger, who will forward it to Congress. The bill, which the chairman of the House Committee on Military Affairs, Representative Hall, after he had had an opportunity to make any changes that he may deem desirable. The explanation of the broad general principles of the bill (one feature of which provides for the creation of three new offices, a general and two lieutenant generals of the army, in accordance with the practice of modern military nations) is disclosed in the following letter:

Headquarters of the Army, "Washington, D. C., Dec. 5, 1898. "The Honorable, the Secretary of War, "Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a bill for the reorganization of the United States army, based on a strength of one soldier to 1,000 of the population of the United States, and a view to the maintenance of the dependent colonies, approximately 100,000.

My recommendations are for what I believe the interests of the government. The recommendations have been made regardless of any personal consideration of any officer or soldier now connected with the military service.

PROPER DEFENSE NEEDED.

The proper defense of the navy and infantry is in accordance with the immediate necessities of the United States. We have 4,000 miles of coast, with 27 principal harbors, where are located millions of people and property of almost inestimable value. They should properly be defended as demanded by every consideration of prudence and good administration. In addition to this we have the important harbors of the United States and the Philippines, a land, requiring a large force of artillery.

The organization recommended is such as to give rank in proportion to the number of duties and responsibilities required of the different officers in our service, and is similar to the organization which has been found most efficient in the armies of all other civilized nations, and also to that which has been found to be the most efficient in the Confederate army between the years 1861-1865. A similar organization has been recommended by General Sherman and Lieutenant General Schofield.

"I earnestly recommend the favorable consideration of the organization as presented.

Very respectfully, NELSON A. MILES, Maj. Gen. Commanding.

GAGE'S REPORT.

Secretary of the Treasury Hands in the Record for the Past Year. (By Telegraph.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The report of the Secretary of the Treasury, Hon. Lyman J. Gage, was made public today. It covers the fiscal year ending June 30.

The total revenue of the government from all sources for the year, as shown, have been \$494,333,353.75, while the expenditures for the same period aggregated \$532,381,201.35, leaving a deficit of \$38,047,847.

The receipts and deposits of bullion at the Treasury for the year were \$79,547,764. The deposits of gold were greater than in any previous year of the nation's history. The foreign commerce of the past year, the report states, has been phenomenal, the exports of gold and factory exceeding all precedent. The average was more than one hundred millions of dollars a month.

The report touches upon many other, more important questions, which are immigration, the revenue, electric service, navigation, coast and geodetic survey, the new bond issue and war revenue, and the report is a masterpiece of clear and concise statement.

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The Internal Revenue of \$100,000,000 from this service seems to be justified by the results from July 1 to the present time.

SPANIARDS THREATENED.

Residents of Havana Persecuted by the Separatist Press.

(By Telegraph.)

HAVANA, Dec. 6.—The separatist papers continue to publish articles insulting the Spanish residents, telling the latter to leave the island or prepare to be hanged. Many Spanish families are leaving the interior, fearing that the insurgent forces will take possession of them before the arrival of the American troops. A committee representing native irregular troops, who fought under the Spanish flag against the insurgents, has been organized, and the men would be protected and advised them to return to their homes and commence work.

MYSTERIOUS WILLIAM WINS.

(By Telegraph.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—"Mysterious" Billy Smith met Joe Walcott, the colored fighter, at the Lenox Athletic Club tonight, and after drinking twenty hard rounds, Referee Charles White declared him as the winner. The men weighed 145 pounds. Smith never fought harder in his life, and in the eleventh round he knocked Walcott off his feet with a right swing on the jaw.

AN ORDERLY HANGING.

(By Telegraph.)

BLOWN TO ATOMS

Mine Explodes, Killing Four Men and Wounding Others.

THE CAUSE A MYSTERY

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